

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9 and 11-14 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 3-9 are amended. Claims 11-14 are added. The claim amendments and added claims introduce no new matter because they are (1) made to correct informalities asserted by the Office Action; or (2) supported by the claims, as originally filed. Claims 2 and 10 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in those claims. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 1, makes final the Restriction Requirement. As such, claim 10 is provisionally withdrawn from consideration as drawn to a non-elected group of claims. Claim 10 is canceled.

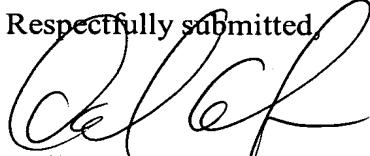
The Office Action, in paragraphs 2-4, rejects claims 1 and 8 as allegedly not providing sufficient antecedent basis, and appears to object to claims 2-7 and 9 on some what the same ground. The issues raised in paragraphs 2-4 of the Office Action are not precisely accurate. This being stated, however, in an effort to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants amend the claims, as indicated by the Office Action.

The Office Action, in paragraph 5, rejects claims 1 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 8 are amended to obviate this rejection.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

Because the claims are not otherwise substantively rejected, Applicants understand that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3-9 and 11-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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